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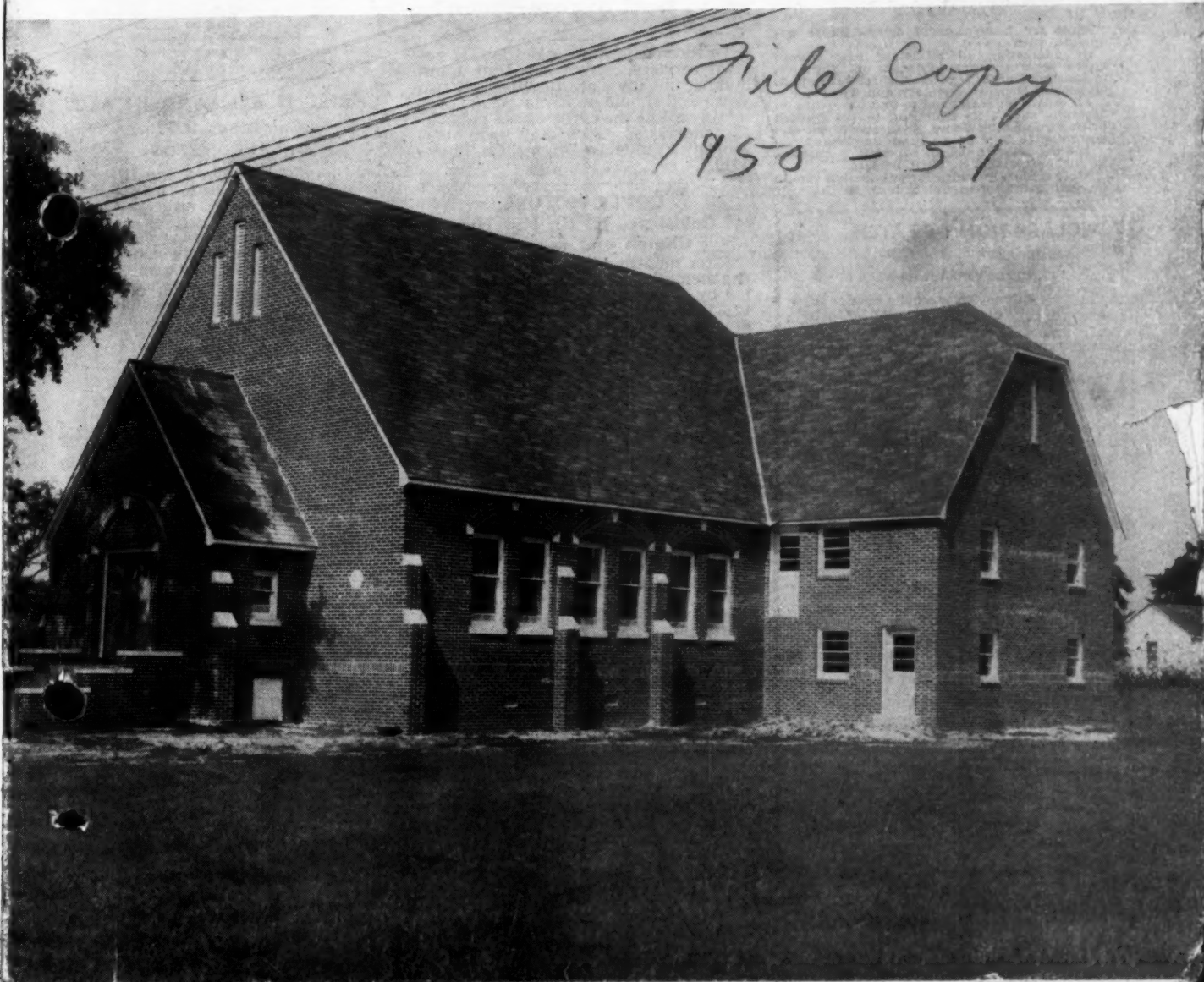


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To Whom It May Concern: My present address is 2428 Warwick and Harlem, Baltimore, Maryland.—Rev. V. W. Thomas.

To those who have asked me for revival services, may I say that I am making out my slate for the next two years and should appreciate your contacting me at the earliest date possible. My address is W. F. Patterson, 1404 Murphy Avenue, La Grange, Ga. Phone 5810.

**COVER PICTURE**

Goldsboro, N. C., Has New Church and Parsonage

After months of work and sacrifice, the membership of the Church of God, led by a loyal pastor, is now enjoying the fruits of their labor. The exterior of their beautiful \$35,000 church has been completed, with an indebtedness of only \$3,500 left against it.

The church is the fulfillment of the dreams of the pastor, the Rev. C. H. Deans, who has served the congregation for the past five years and has been a minister of the Church of God for the past thirty years. The new church is sure evidence that the congregation has made progress since their beginning in Goldsboro in June, 1936, when the first services were held in a gospel tent on the William Street School grounds. After the organization of the church, the congregation worshipped in a small store building for three years. In 1939, the congregation built a small frame building on Clingman Street, in the Georgetown section of Goldsboro. Last year, under the leadership of the Rev. Deans, the congregation began the building of their new and modern church plant. It stands as a monument to their pastor and a group of members who would not be easily discouraged.

Since Pastor Deans came to Goldsboro, the congregation has built a modern parsonage, within a block of the new church. This was also built under his personal supervision.

While enjoying the beautiful new church, modern in every detail, the pastor and membership cannot forget

the struggles they endured in the early days of the church, when their group was not received with the same spirit of friendship that they have enjoyed in recent years. By faithfully living their Christian experience, they have proved that the Church of God is not a group of fanatics, but a group of sincere people endeavoring to serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Today they are loved and respected by thousands in this section.

Besides serving as a full-time pastor, Rev. Deans has not forgotten his family obligations; he has reared a family of ten children, with nine of them holding membership in the Church of God. Someone has said that he endeavored to rear his children the Bible way, and the fine way they have taken their place in the work of serving their God and humanity has proved that the Bible way of rearing children must be right.—Clyde Moye Dawson.

"Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant that they may not act so we can't help it."—J. Hudson Taylor

"Real charity is dispensed without the blare of trumpets."

**"CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL"**

Colossians 3:11

C. C. CROWSTON

Christ my Saviour, Christ my All,  
Christ my Ransom from the fall.  
Christ for me upon the cross—  
Bore all my sin, sustained my loss.  
Christ in coming from the tomb,  
Destroyed the terror of its gloom.  
Christ for me on yonder throne,  
Links me with that blissful zone.  
Christ for me at God's right hand  
Shows I in Him accepted stand.  
Christ my Peace, Christ my Life,  
Christ my Solace in the strife.  
Christ my Hope, Christ my Joy,  
Christ my pleading Priest on high.  
Christ in God's own presence there,  
Doth now for me a place prepare.  
Christ with me along life's way—  
His presence is my cheer and stay.  
Christ when things are going well,  
Christ when waves of trouble swell.  
Christ in autumn, Christ in spring,  
Christ when winter reigns as king.  
Christ in summer's pleasing smile,  
Christ in tempest's wild turmoil.  
Christ amid the shades of night,  
Christ when breaks the morning light.  
Christ my Rock, Christ my Bread,  
On Christ I rest, by Him I'm fed.  
Christ my Pattern, Christ my Way—  
Christ must lead, or I shall stray.  
Christ for me with all His power—  
In Christ I have unbounded dower.  
Christ for me with all His grace—  
In Christ how glorious is my place.  
That hour of hours is drawing near,  
When Christ in glory shall appear.  
Then with Him all His own shall be,  
And all His undimmed radiance see.  
Lord, rend the air, and ope the skies,  
And bid Thy waiting pilgrims rise—  
Thy Father's house with all its light,  
Doth Thy dear longing saints invite.  
Thy people cry with hearts aglow—  
"Lord Jesus, come—we long to go,  
And there THYSELF more fully know."



# Editorial...

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## ADULTERY

In Exodus 20:14 we have the seventh commandment, which reads as follows: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Certainly there is nothing vague nor uncertain about this statement. It is one of God's irrevocable prohibitions governing humanity's social conduct. The sin of adultery is so terrible that when a man, by anticipation or after marriage, breaks the marriage vow, or when a woman acquiesces in the crime thus perpetrated, it is murder aimed at the collective life of the family. Yet society, in its madness, often makes light of this commandment of God, despite the fact that it is well known to all who indulge in the crime, as well as those who witness the reproach it brings, that it is one of the most disastrous of all sins. It destroys decent society. You remember the Lord Jesus showed His serious attitude toward the violation of this commandment by placing it, in Mark 10:19, before the sixth commandment; that is "Do not commit adultery, Do not kill," which is to say that our chastity should be as dear to us as our lives, and we should be as much afraid of that which defiles the body as of that which destroys it.

### Adultery Defined

As defined by our laws, adultery is of two kinds: double, when between two married persons; single, when one of the parties is married and the other is single. One phase of the criminality of adultery consists in its injustice. 1. It robs a man of his right by taking from him the affection of his wife. 2. It does him a wrong by fathering and obliging him to maintain as his own a spurious offspring—a child which is not his. The act and everything leading to it is prohibited by this commandment, for our Lord says that even he who looks on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. And not only adultery [the unlawful commerce between two married persons] is forbidden, but also fornication and all kinds of mental and sensual uncleanness. That fornication was included under this command we may gather from St. Matthew 15:19, where Jesus expresses the sense of the different commandments by a word for each, and mentions them in the order in which they stand, thus, evidently, showing that fornication was understood to be comprehended under the command "Thou shalt not commit adultery." As to the word adultery, it has probably been derived from the words "ad alterius torum"—to another's bed, for it is going to the bed of another man that constitutes the act and the crime.

### Adultery Is a Crime

Yes, adultery is a crime. It is not only akin to murder, but those who indulge in such social wickedness are often either involved in actually taking life or losing their lives as a result. In this connection I am thinking of the report in the Chattanooga Times of a terrible tragedy that took place in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, the last of August. Here is the report:

"Police said that a young lodger told today how he killed once, waited and smoked, and then killed again, again and again, until he had destroyed a family of five. Then he burned the house. Among the dead was the young wife of the family who, the lodger said, had taken him as her lover and was going to have his child in a few weeks. 'She didn't fight much,' the lodger was quoted as saying. The lodger is rangy-haired Edwin H. Reynolds, 27, who faced an arraignment on charges of murder and arson late today. Reynolds himself is the father of three children, but estranged from his own family. The victims: Fred J. Dusza, 39; his wife, Beatrice, 31; their three children, Beatrice, 11; Kathryn, 8; Gail, 3. Police Chief Charles R. Johnson quoted Reynolds as saying he beat Dusza to death in a wild fight after an argument Monday night when Reynolds said Mrs. Dusza was going to have his baby. The Dusza family was found in the ruins of their burned home on the edge of town. Reynolds was actually

listed by police as the sixth victim of what appeared to be a fire tragedy. But only five bodies were found, and doctors said four of the victims had been strangled. Since the one male body found could not be positively identified, a police alarm went out for either Dusza or Reynolds. Late last night police surprised Reynolds at the home of his estranged wife. Police said the Reynoldses separated last Christmas Day after being married eight years. Johnson said Reynolds was 'cool and not nervous' as he detailed for him the slow-paced slaughter in the seven-room house, in a lonely farming section on the edge of town. The chief declined to make public a long statement which he said Reynolds signed. But Johnson quoted him as saying about Mrs. Dusza: 'I'm going for a long rest, and if I can't have her, nobody else can either.'"

### Adultery Embarrasses Posterity

The above tragic report of such inhumane brutality, is just one of the thousands that fill the newspapers every year as a result of the violation of the seventh commandment. The sin of adultery has a poisonous effect that spreads not merely far and wide, but on and on through future generations. It is possible for parties to keep this sin a secret, yet they cannot keep it inactive. This is clearly proved by the case of David and Bathsheba, for even though God spared David, the sword was over his house, and his first child by Bathsheba died as stroke number one; Tamar, his daughter, was violated by Amnon, his son, as stroke two; Absalom, his son, betrayed him as stroke three; and may we not also trace the result of their sin to Solomon, who went after strange women, which resulted in idolatry being tolerated in Israel. Therefore, it was and still is the one sin which spreads outward and onward. Although the rich, the aristocratic, the socially prominent, as well as many in the common rank and file of humanity, consider this sin lightly, and even ministers of the gospel at times are guilty of such wickedness, it must be remembered that the penalty for the violation of the seventh commandment is always severe. It is true that there is pardon and forgiveness for this social sin, yet it should be remembered that even though the blood of the Lord Jesus can and will wash the adulterer's or the adulteress' heart clean, the record cannot be blotted from the individual's history so completely but what people read it with embarrassment and regret, even though they are sure the person has obtained forgiveness from God and man.

May I sum up with these few reasons why a person should not allow the devil to influence him to commit adultery. First, it destroys the sanctity of the home. Second, it blights the honor and influence of the persons who are guilty. Third, it subjects their posterity to embarrassment. Fourth, it leads to murder. Fifth, Paul says in Galatians 6:7, 8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." And last, the unforgiven adulterer or adulteress cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Galatians 5:19, 21, "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness . . . of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

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# Why Evangelicals Throughout the World Must Unite Now



By Dr. J. Elwin Wright

I commend the prayerful reading of this significant message to every reader of the *Evangelist*. I am personally convinced of the urgency of this world-wide task. For that reason I have accepted membership on the Commission on International Relations. And all contributions to assist in this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

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will be acknowledged and forwarded to the Commission. Please ask the Lord what your part should be. Make checks payable to N.A.E. Commission on International Relations. Gifts are deductible from your income tax.

Earl P. Paulk

Brother Paulk was selected by the Supreme Council for membership on this Committee.

Evangelicals (that is, Bible believing) churches, missions, and other Christian institutions throughout the world have never been in so grave a danger of regimentation and persecution since the days of the apostles as now. Indeed, there has never been a single generation in church history in which so many have given their lives for their faith or are in immediate peril of martyrdom as the one in which we are now living.

In the light of this fact it is a sin against God and His Church for any individual or group of individuals to believe or practice spiritual isolationism. For if there is any hope of reducing or delaying the peril of regimentation, loss of freedom to proclaim the gospel, and extinction in local or national situations, it is by being drawn together in fellowship and united action to meet the inevitable onslaught of subversive forces.

Two principal foes are competing for world dominion. They are in bitter combat against each other and both are equally mortal enemies of the Church. Whichever emerges victorious in the present phase of the world conflict will then be free to greatly intensify its attack against the gospel. We speak of Communism and the Roman hierarchy.

A third great force is emerging which cannot be fully evaluated at the moment because of the mixture of ideologies, doctrines, and politics of which it is made up. This powerful religious combine is the World Council of Churches, established in Amsterdam in 1948. Most of the larger denominations of the world are included in its membership. It is in very close association with the International Missionary Council. It includes leaders and denominations which are undoubtedly evangelical. But it includes, as well, leaders and denominations which have demonstrated in word and deed their rejection of the most basic doctrines of the Christian faith.

Some of the leaders of the World Council, in positions of greatest prom-

inence in its councils, do not even believe the World Council's statement that Jesus is God, but nevertheless are in good standing because of the provision made by the Council that each church may interpret the statement to suit itself.

The desirability of the unity of all believers in their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is unquestioned. The possibility of attaining organic unity (or its resulting benefits) is highly debatable. But when an attempt is made to join evangelicals and modernists in one ecclesiastical organization, the result can only be confusion and spiritual defeat.

Therefore, there are but two possible courses for the World Council of Churches: (1) the elimination from its membership of bodies which do not stand unequivocally for the basic doctrines and freedoms of the faith, or (2) the eventual loss by the Council of evangelical bodies which will not be content to remain in fellowship with those who have forsaken the essential doctrines of the faith.

In view of the trends indicated during the short history of the World Council, the chances that it will eventually become fully evangelical are infinitesimal.

Two future courses for the World Council are within the range of strong possibility. The first is that there will eventually be a surrender to the Roman hierarchy. This is a consummation to which a considerable number of World Council leaders look forward with keen anticipation.

For its part, the Roman hierarchy expressed its views through several of its official publications. *Corriera della Sara*, in its issue of October 5, 1948, says, "Cardinal Spellman is said to have stated that we should not hurry to treat the Protestants on the question of unity, for in sixty years our separated brethren will be returning to Rome."

*La Croix*, in its issue of September 2, 1948, says, "Since all roads lead to Rome, why should that of Amsterdam

not put many Christians 'on their way'? If they in humble prayer beseech the light of Heaven, as Pius XI said long ago (and we can guess the ardor of the wishes of His Holiness Pius XII in this direction), beyond a doubt they will recognize the one true Church of Jesus Christ, and come at last to join themselves with us in the bonds of perfect love."

The second possibility is that the World Council will swing more frankly to a position of extreme radicalism in which it will follow the line advised by the Harvard Report of some years ago. This would mean an alignment of liberal Christianity with the other principal religions of the world, admitting that all have values which should be recognized and preserved. This course would probably be received by the religionists of the Orient as a satisfactory compromise under which a new world religion, not merely a world church, would function universally. Even now this final phase in the drive for union is openly favored by the more daring spirits.

All these considerations have brought about the international cooperative movement among evangelicals which is gaining ground so rapidly.

At the last annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals, held in Indianapolis, last April, the Committee for International Cooperation which has functioned for the last four years was replaced by a Commission on International Relations, composed of more than a score of America's most outstanding church and missionary leaders.

The strategy which has been adopted is that first of all groups of evangelicals should be brought together in each country to form fellowships, or associations, which shall be entirely autonomous.

In August, 1952, each national group will appoint delegates to an international convention to be held in Switzerland, at which time a permanent international committee will be formed to deal with any matter of common concern. This committee will have only advisory powers except in matters where specific authority is delegated to them by their respective national bodies.

This movement for spiritual unity, rather than organic union, coupled with a program of action in behalf of all evangelical groups, is not merely advisable but absolutely necessary if

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# ... Oh, Praise the Lord ...

MOSLEY, Va.—I thank the Lord for Jesus and what He means to me. I thank Him for His saving and healing power. I praise Him for healing me of head trouble and my husband of kidney trouble. If we trust Him, He will stand by us in all we ask.—Mrs. Pearl Golden.

COLQUITT, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing our little boy of fever. He took fever on Thursday afternoon. I kept praying for him and Saturday morning the fever left and he has not had any since. I also thank Him for healing my little girl and for seeing my boy through an operation.—Mrs. Callie Mae Haire.

I praise God for healing my mother's body. A few of the sisters prayed and some fasted, and God gloriously healed her. A few years back my nerves were so bad and I was in a bad fix, but, thank God, He has healed my body. The Lord has heard and answered my prayers so many times. He has healed my children and loved ones. Please pray that my loved ones will be saved before it is too late and that my home will become a home of prayer.—Mrs. Elsie Ahl.

MANATEE, Fla.—God is still healing. I had suffered for a long time with a hurting in my right side. I was prayed for and God healed me.—Mrs. E. C. Hardy.

COFFEEVILLE, Miss.—I thank and praise the Lord for His healing power. Over two months ago my little girl had the measles and it affected her ear, throat, and nose; she also had a stroke in her face, which drew her mouth. The doctor didn't think she would live through the first night at the hospital, but, praise the Lord, she is up and gaining weight. The people here prayed for her and the Lord heard and answered their prayers. The doctor says that her eardrum will have to be removed. Please pray for her complete healing.—Mrs. Ralph Mullen.

RADFORD, Va.—I thank God for being so good to us. I thank Him for bringing me through a serious operation and healing me. I feel better than I have felt in years.—Alyne Raseberry.

MAYO, Fla.—I praise the Lord for healing my husband, and for the way He has blessed our home so many times. He is a wonderful Saviour. I desire the prayers of everyone that I'll be drawn closer to the Lord, and if it is His will, He will heal my body.—Mildred O'Steen.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—Words are inadequate for praise to God. He heals as well as saves. He has done so many things for me and mine in the last thirty years. He healed me of

pellagra. About three weeks ago our little boy stuck the tine of a pitchfork all the way through his foot about an inch back of his second toe. I told God if He would just take charge of it, I'd tell of it. Praise God, it only stopped the child from running and playing for a few minutes. It didn't get red or swollen and was soon completely well.—Mrs. W. P. Wiggins.

LOUISVILLE, Miss.—I thank God for His mighty healing power. The other night my nerves were in a very bad condition and I could hardly get my breath. I placed the *Evangel* on my body and prayed and in a matter of minutes God healed me and I was breathing good.—Miss Sybil Hudspeth.

DAYTON, Tenn.—I thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I had a cancer on my face which had been there for four months. Brother McAfee prayed for me and God wonderfully healed me.—Mrs. Emma Porter.

BAXTER, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for healing me. I was in a car wreck, in which my right knee cap was broken, also my right arm. The doctor said it would be three months before I could walk, but God healed me and I praise Him for it.—Mrs. Ethel Keith.

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—I was suffering with a terrible pain in my head. I placed the *Evangel* on my head and prayed and the Lord wonderfully healed me.—Mrs. J. B. Trull.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for healing my body. Last December I was taken sick with a bad nervous spell and spent a little over four months in the hospital, but I give God all the praise for being able to be home today.—Mrs. Grady Hayes, 206 Fair Street.

PLANT CITY, Fla.—I praise God for giving me old-time salvation, the kind that makes one want to hold on to God. The longer I travel in this blessed way, the sweeter the days are for me. I praise Him for healing me recently of what I believe was a cancer in my right side. My side burned and hurt night and day until sometimes it would almost cut my breath off. But I requested prayer for my healing at the Church of God in Plant City, and, thanks be to God, all the pain is gone.—Pearl Gause.

WILLIAMSBURG, Pa.—I am a firm believer in prayer. I have been praying concerning a certain problem in my life, for which I am thankful. I know it will be the means of increasing my faith in God. God has heard and answered many, many of my prayers, and I know without the shadow of a doubt He will undertake in my behalf for this problem. He is such a won-

derful Saviour and a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. Oh, yes, the enemy will try to say, "It can't be done," but the Bible says there is nothing too hard for God. When we are before God in prayer the devil will try to put all kinds of discouraging thoughts in our minds to try to make us doubt, but hold to God's unchanging hand. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him. The Word says, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." God is more than Conqueror over the enemy; He is still on the throne and will hear and answer prayer.—One in Christ.

MIAMI, Fla.—I praise the Lord for saving my soul and healing my body. Pray for me that I will live closer to Him and receive the Holy Ghost. I love the Church of God and the Church of God people.—Sister Stauffer.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for all His mercies and goodness to me. I thank Him for His healing power and for the Holy Ghost that keeps me from day to day. I praise Him for healing my sister of cancer.—Jessie Cox.

## NO TRACTS THERE!

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."—Heb. 4:1.

"Tracts everywhere!" said a youth, with a sneer, as a young Christian had handed him a leaflet one Lord's Day afternoon.

"No," said the lad quietly, "there will be none in hell," and passed on.

God fastened that single sentence as a nail in a sure place, and he could not get rid of it. "None in hell!" seemed to echo in his ears every time he saw a tract, and ultimately he was converted.

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# Six Hundred Threescore and Six

M. S. LEMONS

We are living in 5950; that is, 4000 years B. C. and 1950 A. D. There are 50 years between us now and the close of 6000, or 2000 A. D. That puts us up to the date 18,000 days until the end of the 2,000 years and 150 of those days are to be subtracted, for they have already passed, and that would leave 17,640 days. These days are the tribulation days, and Jesus said that except those days be shortened no flesh could be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. That places us where we cannot tell what day or hour the tribulation will come, only when they actually appear in demonstrative powers of the enemy.

The first thing we shall notice now is that Satan is to be bound at the end of this 6,000 years, and Jesus is to be crowned in the beginning of the balance or the seven thousand year.

Rev. 9:1-10, "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails; and their power was to hurt men five months."

We have in this a demonstration of the fact that the tribulation will be on in a serious way. And immediately after this the four angels that are bound in the river Euphrates are to be released with the demon angels which are with it, which are two hundred thousand, and they will destroy one-third of humanity in one year, one month, one day, and one hour. At this juncture there is to be a war in heaven, Michael and his an-

gels fight against Satan and his angels, and Satan is to be cast out into the earth, having great wrath, because he knows his time is short. In the meantime Satan will be allied with the beast of Rev. 13:1, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

In Dan. 7:9, he said, "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."

There is a statement in 2 Thess. 2:1-4 which says, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Rev. 13:18, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

"Vicarious Fili Dei" is a Latin phrase used as a slogan or a title for the king who will be put in as the king of the united world. "C" equals one hundred, "D" equals five hundred, "L" equals fifty, "U" and "V" each equals five, making ten. The six "T"s equal one each, or six. This is a total of six hundred and sixty-six, or six hundred threescore and six.

Since studying the Scriptures as I have, it has been my privilege to ascend to the tower of observation where I can begin to behold the great men of the nations who stand like sentinels and watchmen on the tower. I beheld Adam as he started on his journey down the long lane of life until he came to the end of his days, 334,800. He lacked 25,200 days reaching the 1,000 year period. If Adam kept the Sabbath days as he did at the very first with God, he had 47,972 days and he died on the third day of the week.

As I beheld the entire landscape from Adam to the final judgment day, look over the mountains, valleys, and lakes, and see the band of those noble sentinels at the beginning of each thousand years, Noah appears at the beginning of the second thousand year and holds up his banner of love and truth to the thousands that may follow him, and after 180 thousand days, which was 500 years, God

employed him to build the ark, which was very emblematic to the nations then and now, and he built the ark in 36,000 days. He lived 350 years after the ark was built.

Abraham stands as a sentinel, telling the world about faith and the things of God and was one of the first representatives as a father of the nation and faithful in the land. Boaz and Ruth stand side by side as watchmen and as pillars of truth, waving the flag of humility and simplicity, pointing to the beginning of the Messianic reign, started in the year 4000.

Mary stands as a living monument to the minds of faithful men and women and holds in her embrace the immaculate Son of God who began to live in the beginning of the fifth thousand year and lived 11,880 days, then went back to God for recreation. He still is had in great admiration as the Son of God and the Saviour of mankind, and is now ready to take the armor of light and life and live in the seventh thousand year as King of kings and Lord of lords, at the end of which the Bible says we shall have no more need for the sun or moon, for the Lord God Himself is the light of the world, at which time the angel will stand with one foot on the land and one on the sea and cry, "Time shall be no longer." With these signs before us, we are ready to acknowledge that we shall never have time any more, but eternity.

John said, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea and I saw the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, and I heard the great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them, he shall be their God and they shall be His people and they shall live and reign on earth a thousand years. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." And this is the beginning of eternity.

Since we have observed the whole scale from the beginning of creation to the end of this world, we still remind ourselves that we are living in the last 18,000 days of the sixth thousand year, which days will be, according to the sayings of Jesus, the most serious that have ever been since the world was or ever shall be. The tribulation, which will be the finished part of this trouble, will end with the end of the sixth thousand year, and Jesus will begin a new reign of righteousness on the earth and He will be King of kings and Lord of lords. All the holy angels will visit Him, and all the saints will laud Him for His greatness, power, simplicity, and love for humanity, and they will cry out, "God save the King and let the nations give praise and homage to His holy name forevermore!"



# Some Things to Think About

## CHRISTIAN RISE IN JAPAN NOTED

TOKYO—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, a military genius who remains convinced that war is futile either as an end or a means, stands today as a driving force behind a strong Christian movement to maintain peace defeated Japan.

His statisticians at supreme Allied headquarters in Tokyo revealed figures showing his interest in transplantation and development of a third world war. Shintoism—in effect a worship of military deities—was abolished as the state religion of Japan soon after Emperor Hirohito's surrender.

The influx of Christian missionaries, as well as new emphasis being given to Christian literature and distribution of Bibles, is expected to result in accelerated growth of churches throughout Japan.

Headquarters officials estimate that church membership for all Christian denominations in Japan now totals 370,000—identical with the prewar figure. The Roman Catholic Church, which reported a membership of 119,224 in 1940, notified headquarters that as of June 30, 1949, the listing had grown to 130,388 adherents.

Protestantism, which reported approximately 200,000 followers in 1940, now reports 201,321 within its fold.

Members of Gen. MacArthur's staff are keeping a close tabulation of church records regarding marriages, births, and baptisms.

In every Christian denomination, the increase is said to be noticeable and highly encouraging.

## THE MAN IN THE GLORY

wake in the morning with thoughts of His love  
Who is living for me in the glory above,  
In glad hope awaiting till He calls me away,  
And that keeps me bright all the rest of the day;  
But the moments speed forward, and on comes the noon,  
Yet still I am singing, "He'll come very soon";  
And thus I am watching from morning to night,  
More than they who desire to see the daylight (Psa 130:6).  
There's a Man in the glory I know very well;  
I have known Him for years, and His goodness can tell:  
One day, in His mercy, He knocked at my door,  
And, seeking admission, knocked many times o'er;  
But when I went to Him, and stood face to face,  
And listened awhile to His story of grace,  
How He suffered for sinners, and put away sin—  
I heartily, thankfully, welcomed Him in.  
We have lived on together a number of years,  
And that's why I have neither doubtings nor fears.  
For my sins are all hid in the depths of the sea;  
They were cast away there by the Man on the Tree.  
I am often surprised why the lip should be curled,  
When I speak of my Lord to the man of the world,  
And notice with sorrow his look of disdain  
When I tell him that Jesus is coming again.  
He seems so content with his houses and gold  
While despising the Ark, like the people of old;  
And yet at His Coming I'm sure he would flee,  
Like the man in the garden, who ate of the tree.  
I cannot but think it is foolish of souls  
To put all their money in "bags that have holes."  
To find, in the day that is coming apace,  
How lightly they valued the "riches of grace."  
As fond as I am of His work in the field,  
Would let go the plow, I would lay down the shield.  
The weapons of service I would put on the shelf,  
And the sword in its scabbard, to be with Himself;

But I'll work on with pleasure, while keeping my eyes  
On the end of the field, where standeth the prize.  
I would for His glory, that when we shall meet,  
I may have a large sheaf to lay down at His feet.  
That He, too, with pleasure His fruits may review.  
Is the Man in the glory a stranger to you?  
A stranger to Jesus? what! do you not know  
He is washing poor sinners much whiter than snow?  
Have you lived in a land where the Bible's unknown?  
That you don't know the man who is now on the throne?  
Ah, did you but know of His beauty and power,  
You would not be a stranger another half hour.  
I have known Him so long that I'm able to say,  
The very worst sinner He'll turn not away.  
The question of sin, I adoringly see,  
The Man in the glory has settled for me!  
And as to my footsteps, whatever the scene,  
The Man in the glory is keeping me clean;  
And therefore I'm singing from morning to night,  
The Man in the glory is all my delight.

—Tract.

**PIRATES PAY \$100,000 FOR HIGH SCHOOL PITCHER**—Paul Petit, 18-year-old lefthanded high-school pitcher, was the center of attraction at a conference, at which it was announced that the Pittsburgh Pirates had paid approximately \$100,000 for his services.

## NOTED SCIENTIST IS ALARMED

COLUMBUS, O.—Dr. Harold C. Urey of the University of Chicago, one of the world's leading nuclear physicists, said here that he sometimes feels prayer is the only solution for East-West difficulties.

"Frankly, I'm scared to death. Sometimes I feel prayer is the only solution, and I wish I had a direct line to the Almighty to ask Him for guidance."

Dr. Urey said "there is absolutely no chance of an agreement with Russia on the atom and hydrogen bombs. It would be impossible for us to accept any offer they (Russia) might make to us."

As for the hydrogen bomb, Dr. Urey contended no one will know its effectiveness until one actually is set off.

"As for myself, I hope it doesn't work," he said.

## WHERE CAN TRUE, LASTING HAPPINESS BE FOUND?

THE QUESTION WHICH HAS BEEN ASKED BY MORTALS IN ALL CLIMES AND TIMES

### Not in Wealth

The famous American millionaire, Jay Gould, had wealth in abundance, yet almost his last words were: "I suppose I am the most miserable devil on earth."

### Not in Fame

Sir Walter Scott probably attained to a fame excelled by none. Though he spent his life in writing fiction, when he came to die he wanted fact, and said, "Bring me the Book—There is only one book—the Bible."

### Not in Honor

Revered by more millions than any human being before, was good Queen Victoria, yet when queried by a Highland cottar as to the meeting in Paradise of God, she replied, "Yes, by the grace of God and the all-availing blood of Christ, I'll meet you there."

### Not in Position

One of the greatest wonders of men who rose to position was Lord Beaconsfield, yet he wrote: "Youth is a mistake, manhood a struggle, old age a regret."

### Not in Pleasure

The author of "Hours of Idleness," Lord Byron, who reveled in pleasure all his days, wrote on his last birthday: "My days are in the yellow leaf. The flowers and fruits of life are gone. The worm, the canker, and the grief Are mine alone."

### Not in Power

The name of Napoleon the Great truly stands prominent for power. Musing, a lonely prisoner on St. Helena, he summarized thus: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires. But on what did we found them? On force! Jesus Christ alone founded His on love, and today there are millions who would die for Him."

### Not in Health

One of the greatest physicians of modern times, Sir Andrew Clark, left his testimony to the true remedy, thus: "There is one remedy for all spiritual disease, and that remedy is to be found in the person and work of Jesus Christ."

### Certainly Not in Infidelity

Poor Thomas Paine cried out during his last moments: "O Lord, help me! God, help me! Jesus Christ, help me!" Voltaire said: "I am lost! I am lost! Oh, that I had never been born!" Colonel Charters said: "I would gladly give 30,000 pounds to have it proved to my satisfaction that there is no such place as hell!"

Where then can real happiness be found?

### In the Christ of God

Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

"I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you" (John 16:22).

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

—Selected.

## SIX DEAD OF SMALLPOX ON AFRICA GOLD COAST

"A C R A, Gold Coast, Africa—An outbreak of smallpox has caused six deaths in this Gold Coast Port. Health authorities opened centers where more than 60,000 persons have been vaccinated.

"This is the third outbreak of smallpox to be reported from widely scattered parts of the globe. Six deaths occurred in an epidemic in Glasgow, Scotland; two deaths were reported from central Chile. Thus far a government campaign has resulted in vaccinating about 4,000,000 of Chile's 6,000,000 inhabitants."

Sin is worse than smallpox!

## MINISTERS URGED TO GIVE STUDY TO BEDSIDE MANNER

RICHMOND, Va.—Ministers, like doctors, must develop what might be called a bedside manner, in the opinion of Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist church here.

Speaking at a three-day conference on pastoral ministry, Dr. Adams said that the pastor, no less than the physician, can aid in a patient's recovery.

"It is our duty and privilege to visit the sick," he declared. "But we pastors, too, are human, and many of us do not know how to go about hospital visiting. Religious seal is not enough. We want to speed the sick man's recovery, if possible, not retard it."

Dr. Adams said he makes from 80 to 100 sick calls a month, possibly half of them to persons of other congregations. He added that the pastor often benefits from such calls more than do patients, in that he is inspired by the faith and courage of the shut-ins.

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# Foreign Missions

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## ANGOLA, AFRICA



By this picture you can tell they are singing the song "Two little hands to work for Jesus," etc. Sister Stark sings it to them day after day, and now they have learned to sing it very well.

### DRUNKENNESS AND DANCING PROHIBITED AT CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

PEARL M. STARK, MISSIONARY

If only you were here and could see how these people come at almost all hours of the day or night to try to learn to read and write, you would be touched. We have a class every morning, where children come to learn to read and write, but the first thing in the morning, before school, we have a service in which others attend also. Sunday morning it is turned into a Sunday School, which lasts for nearly two hours. Then at night there is a gospel service with the few white people who live near here. On Thursday night there is a gospel service to which both white and black people come. They seem to be showing good interest. Last Thursday night two said they wanted to follow the Lord. Do pray that they will be soundly converted, and that they may be an influence to lead others to the Lord. One of our new converts, who has had a good testimony for several months now, and who has been helping some around the mission, has had some severe tests. It is quite different when dealing with these people in many ways, in that we do not speak their language, and their knowledge of the Portuguese language is quite limited. Also, not being able to speak the native language here in this section, often prevents our knowing just how much they have understood of the Word, or just what is going on in

their homes and lives, until something comes out in the open which they had not expected. I shall give you a brief story showing some of the problems we have over here:

A young man had one wife with whom he was living, and he understood they could have only one wife and be a Christian. But a young girl came to the home of his father with a child of nearly 3 years, and said that she wanted this young man to arrange to marry her, for the child was his. He confessed that the child was his, but it happened when he was much younger, for he is only about 20 now, and since that time he married this other woman who is now his wife. From his testimony, he did not live with the other girl, and it was a case something like David's, it would seem. The child took quite ill and in a few days was claimed by death. So yesterday we went over to the house of his father where the young girl and the child were. Already the people were beginning to gather from all directions of the country, wailing as they walked along the trail and neared the house. The father of the young man had said some time ago that he wanted to be saved and live near the mission. Therefore, his house was not far away. Brother Martins went over there yesterday morning and stayed a while, but told them before he left that they must not bring drink to that place and get drunk as their custom in time of a death, because that house was near the mission and was considered the house of a Christian, also the child which died was

the daughter of a Christian man, and we would not agree to their drinking and dancing and beating the batook, which is all in their heathen custom and sometimes lasts for days.

In the afternoon Brother and Sister Martins and I went over to express our sympathy and to speak with them about the Lord. By that time nearly 100 people had gathered. They very quickly began to dig a grave right back of the house, but we told them that they could not have a grave there as it was not sanitary. Their reason for putting it there was connected with their heathen custom. Some had already said, "We want to prove this and see who was the one who caused this death." Again we were able to witness to them and to tell them that if they were going to live near the mission they would have to put down all such and begin a new custom; one like Jesus taught us, and which we have come to teach. They listened and then said, "Yes, but this is not our custom. That is the custom of the white man, but the custom of the black man is different." We then told them that we had not come to teach them a custom of the white man, but it is the custom of God in heaven, who sent His Son to die for them that they might have life and a home in heaven. We told them that it did not make any difference with God whether their skin was black or white, if they wanted to become a Christian and have a place in heaven they would have to lay aside all of these customs of the devil and learn a new way which is the way of God. They must begin a new life; that it is not the custom of a white man, but it is the custom of God and His Son who died for whosoever will believe in the Word of God and in His Son.

Already many of these who had gathered were painted in a very freakish manner and their hair was arranged in a most hideous style as is their custom in a death, so that the devil will not be angry with them, the women covering their bodies with dust and the grandmother of the child running to and fro, hither and thither, with a garment in her hand, which was one that the child had on when it died. They are afraid of death and of the evil spirits.

Brother Martins told them that this was a part of the mission, and that we would have none of this in the mission. He told the men who were digging the grave to follow him and he would show them a place where they could dig the grave. The wailing ceased, and the women sat down quietly near the corpse. Sister Martins (with her two children) and I sat down to speak with them a little. Some of the men were already making a small box for the child, and when it was ready they came to put the child in the coffin (or small box). The mother of the child wanted to put some other things in the coffin with the child, but one of the men spoke up and said, "No, Sengor Martins has already said that nothing can be put in the coffin with the child, only the dress it has on and



one cloth." At last someone came with word that Sengor Martins said the grave was ready and that he would not go home until this was finished. But the people wanted to wait. When I saw and heard them speak thus (knowing their heathen custom), I went to the place myself where Brother Martins and the men were digging the grave. It was already sundown and getting dark. When I arrived there, it was then that Brother Martins said, "I will go there and speak with them and return here with the family and see that this is finished tonight." It is their custom to keep the corpse there for several days and try out something with the witch doctor to see who bewitched the child that it died. When Brother Martins returned to the house where the family and many friends and relatives were and told them that we would have the funeral of the child yet tonight, they all very meekly submitted. Then it was in the moonlight that we followed behind the tiny little box which contained the remains of the child (the daughter of one of our finest converts up here in this section).

We walked through the forest with only the light of the moon shining through the branches until we came to a little clearing. Then we gathered around the little grave and Brother Martins was able to give a message to them from the Word of God. They all listened quietly and eagerly. One man who is not really a Christian, but who seemed to understand the Portuguese language better than the others, explained to the others. The people asked us to sing something. So there in the moonlight we sang the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Before singing, Brother Martins read the words of the song and had them interpreted so they would understand well what we were singing. They all stood spellbound, and my own heart felt lifted up to the Lord as I stood there in the open, that hour of the night, and saw that company of people gathered around listening so attentively. After prayer, we returned to their house with them to explain a little more clearly that they must not beat the batooka or dance and drink, as is their custom. When we started down the narrow path to return to our house, a number of the natives went with us, for they knew that all of the people were not there who had been there earlier in the day. We had not gone very far until we could hear the sound of drunken people in the footpath ahead of us. I knew only too well what this meant. They had left in the afternoon and gone to drink until they were too drunk to stand up well, reeling from one side to the other; but the Lord gave us the victory. They were determined to overrule the good will of the others, thinking that we would be gone.

There was a bypath which we could have taken to our house and thus not meet them, but for the sake of those who wanted to lay aside these things, we took the other path and met the drunken men in the way. Brother Martins (being a man)

could speak frankly with them. They were all native men whom he knew and had spoken with at times. So when they saw him and heard his voice that hour of the night, they began to ask him to pardon them for doing so foolishly, adding that they were ashamed of themselves. He stood in the path so that they could not pass, and we were directly behind him. He told them he could not pardon their sins but only God could do that; they were only ashamed because he found them out, but that they must repent of their sins before God and forsake their ways, because God could see all. Many of them were so drunk they could not talk or stand erect. They wanted to pass, but he refused to let them pass, and commanded them every one to return to their own house, and be quiet about it.

It was only the power and presence of the Lord that helped us that night, for these people are not easily convinced. They very quietly, though drunk as they were, returned to their various places. But we know the tricks of them all, more or less, so after we had eaten our supper (about 9 o'clock that night), Brother Martins returned to the house where the grandparents lived and where the child had died, for it was there that the people were gathered and where they wanted to drink, dance, etc. He remained there a while, speaking with them more clearly the way of the Lord and of salvation before returning to retire and catch a little rest and sleep before the break of day when he would have to be busy in the school and may other duties of the mission.

Doubtlessly, it will be hard for you there at home to understand how very difficult it is for them to understand clearly the Word of God and the way of a Christian life. They have lived in such darkness all of their lives, with not even one Christian to live before them until we came. Also, since they cannot read and they understand so little of the Portuguese language as yet, and their own language is not a written language, therefore only the Spirit of God can quicken their understanding and draw them to the Lord by His power. We are looking to God to turn them to Himself with all their hearts. I feel this was a great victory, knowing the manner in which they carry on when there is a death. We were able to pass the night in silence, and that is one thing that had never been known among them at a time of death. The following night, which was last night, Brother Martins left word with them that they should come to the mission to hear the Word of God, and a number of them came.

After the service, Brother Martins talked with the father of the young girl who was the mother of the child. He told them how that since this girl had a long time ago returned to her father's house, and since then the young man had married, he must please take the girl home with him, for the young man had confessed Christ and was a Christian, therefore he cannot have two wives. Though such is the custom of the natives in heathen

darkness, he must now learn the new and living way in which a Christian must live for God. This morning we learned that the parents of the girl went home early today, but left the young girl in the house of the parents of the young man. We see that this is not all settled yet, but we are praying earnestly that the Lord will overrule the attempts of the enemy against these young converts.

I have written at length about this, but I trust that those who read this will feel the burden on their hearts for these and other young converts, to hold them up earnestly before the Lord, that the Lord will give us a mighty victory and many more souls for Him in this land.

A number of the older boys or young men (natives) who are working for the white traders and thus cannot come to school during the day, but want to learn to read and write, come out to the mission after their work is finished for the day, through the dark, and Brother Martins spends an hour and sometimes two, teaching them one by one to read. When it is not too late, he has a service afterwards with them, and thus they are learning to sing gospel songs and some of the Word. A number of these are showing a real interest, and some, we feel, are really saved; but since it is so little that they understand yet, we feel it best to wait until they understand better before baptizing them in water. We pray and trust that the Lord will soon baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

Sincere greetings to all who are praying and supporting this work.

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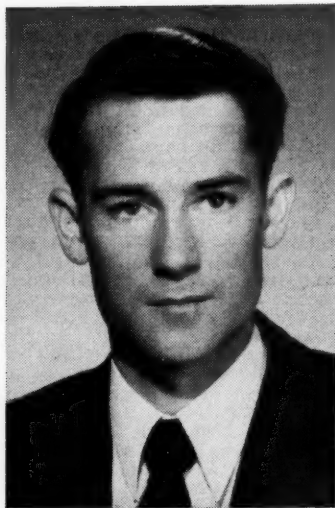
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# Spiritual Power

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"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8.

"Give us power" should be the prayer of every Christian today. If we are going to have great revivals and manifestations of the Spirit, we must have the power of God in our lives and in the church. Without the power of the Spirit we are helpless.

I know it is easy to become satisfied with our experience and think we are efficient. I believe there is plenty of room for more power, and we can have it if we will seek the Lord.

Ladies, loosen up on your hat bands just a little, or let your hair down, and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Men, don't be afraid of getting the crease out of that new suit. The Lord Jesus wants us to be free and enjoy His great salvation. What is better than spiritual blessings and experiences? There is nothing as good! We must have the constant companionship of the Lord to be good Christians and please Him in our everyday lives. And that should be our greatest ambition.

There are so many preachers today preaching wildfire and fanaticism that some Holy-Ghost-filled persons are reluctant to shout or praise the Lord. This, however, should not cause us to quit preaching the fruits of the Spirit. As Holy-Ghost-filled people we are entitled to enjoy our salvation, and if we can't enjoy it, we might as well not have it.

Let me give you a few examples of people who have had the power of God. At Pentecost Peter was filled with the power of God and said, "But

ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," Acts 1:8. Peter stood in the midst of the multitude and preached, "For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," Acts 2:15, 16. If you will notice, Peter didn't say a thing about the one hundred and twenty being fanatics. I don't imagine he said wildfire either, but I do believe he was enjoying that great outpouring of the Spirit himself.

After Peter finished preaching to the multitude, we read that a little later he and John were going to the Temple to pray, and they found a cripple beggar. The man asked Peter and John for alms, and Peter, being full of power, said to the man, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," Acts 3:6. Power as Peter had is what we need today to accomplish things for God.

The Holy Ghost moved the Church into action. As they came from the upper room people began to say all manner of things about them, because they were acting like drunk people. A large crowd gathered to see what was going on in Jerusalem. "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language," Acts 2:6. Holy-Ghost-filled people know that it was the power of God that brought all those people together on the day of Pentecost. We have the same Holy Ghost today that those people had, and if we will keep the power of God in the church, the crowd will keep coming around to see what is going on. The same thing will happen today that happened then. Sinners' hearts will be touched and many will be added to the church.

Don't think for a minute that the power won't be recognized wherever you are. The people you work with will know it. When you are on your job you will be happy and will have a smile for everyone. No matter how hot or cold it gets or how many complications arise, you can still smile, because you have something in your heart that will keep you happy. If you work in a cotton mill or a factory and your looms or frames run bad, you won't be complaining because the Holy Ghost will keep you calm. Before you can realize it the people who work around you will be influenced by your actions, and they will know that you have something that is genuine, and not just something that people talk about. It is a wonderful thing to be a witness for Christ on your job. By letting your light shine around your fellow workers, you can win them to the Lord. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," Matt. 5:16.

The power of God will make a better husband out of a man. Men who have never helped their wives do anything before, will be anxious to dry the dishes or take the children for a walk. There will be no arguments or fights, but there will be peace and love in the home. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," 2 Timothy 1:7. Lady, you won't have to worry about where your husband is on Saturday nights, once he gets the power of God in his life; you will probably be with him, but if you are not you will have the pleasure of knowing he is all right wherever he is.

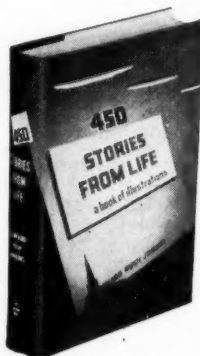
Knowing all the wonderful things that can be had and enjoyed by the power of God, we should all have a greater desire to seek Him. We should do our best to see that our neighbors, friends, and all the people we meet learn about the power of God. Be sure to tell them it is something that is very easy to get. All you have to do is ask. You just keep asking, and God will just keep giving. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matt. 7:11.

Above everything that I have written, I should like for this one thing to be uppermost in your mind. If you feel the power of God, no matter where you are, don't try to push it to the side. You might think that people will call you crazy, and they probably will, but just remember what was said about the people on the day of Pentecost, and it didn't stop them.

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# Jesus, the Saviour of the World

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"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God," Heb. 12:2.

Let us look away to the hill of old Golgotha as this man Jesus hung there on the old rugged, cruel cross for our sins. Yes, the Lamb of God, who shed His blood as He was almost beaten past recognition, that precious blood trickling down from His hands, side, feet, and brow. As He willingly hung there, they mocked and scoffed, but He prayed for them. He was hanging between thieves, yet He gave hope in the great beyond for the one who repented. When God sent the darkness, thunder, lightning, and an earthquake, people began to wake up, fear, believe and confess that He was surely the Son of God. This man, dwelling in the flesh, yet no man ever spake like Him, sinned not, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who was He, this man Jesus? Was He the Christ they were looking for, or should they look for another?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," John 1:1. So they had the Word to study. Jesus was prophesied by the prophets all through the ages, and people had the books of the Old Testament to study. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it," Luke 16:16. This John, that is, John the Baptist, prepared the way and introduced Jesus. He baptized Jesus, and the Holy Ghost came down upon Him and those around Him witnessed the scene and heard the voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Seeing these things stirred up other questions. "He is a man like we are; how do we know He is of God? Isn't He the son of Joseph the carpenter, and Mary?" Mary was a virgin and found favor with God. An angel came to her explaining the work of the Holy Ghost and that she would bear a son. The angel also appeared to her espoused husband (who knew her not) and delivered the wonderful message, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," Matt. 1:21. In the law the people looked for the Messiah. "Messiah" means *anointed*. "Christ" signifies *anointed*. Jesus was His proper name, and Christ was His title that added to His identification as being the promised Messiah. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost make up the Trinity Godhead. Jesus and God are referred to as *I AM*. Jehovah signifies *I AM*, or the eternal one—eternal *LIVING ONE*.

God is referred to as Jehovah. Jesus signifies *Jehovah is salvation*. "... the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me," John 10:25.

Heb. 10:4, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." These were the annual sacrifices for sins under the days of the law; but Jesus came, and, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all," Heb. 10:10. And He didn't stay in the grave! Verse 12, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." The prophecies of the Promised One are fulfilled thus far. He died and arose and has gone back to heaven. Is that all there is to Him? Do we look for another? No! In St. John 14:2, 3, we read, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Verse 6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." If He had not gone back to heaven, we should have no place prepared. There would be no way for us to go.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him," John 14:23. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son," John 14:23. We have His promises to save us from our sins; that He is preparing a place for us so we can be where He is; and that He will come back and get us.

How can we be saved and be ready to go? In Rom. 10:9, 10, we read, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with

the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." We read in the Word that we must pray without ceasing and accept Him by faith. We know when the work is done, and as long as there is doubt one has not been saved, for the burden of sins roll away when He saves your soul. When the work is done, you are born again and ready to start a new life and more experiences with this newly found Friend, "Jesus, the Saviour of the world." "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Rom. 8:1. When trials come to prove us, we can lean on Him. He is the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star. Yes, this same Jesus, Mary's boy, who died on Calvary, arose, and went to prepare a place for us. He saves our souls from sins and is all we will take Him for, all we will let Him be. He never will leave nor forsake us. Here are a few of the things He will do and be to all who will accept Him. He will BLESS (Gen. 12:2); HEAL (2 Kings 20:5); GUIDE, INSTRUCT, AND TEACH (Psa 32:8); DELIVER (Psa 50:15); SATISFY (Psa 132:15); HELP, STRENGTHEN, and UPHOLD (Isa. 41:10); HOLD THINE HAND (Isa. 42:6); COMFORT (Isa. 66:13); FORGIVE (Jer. 31:34); RESTORE (Jer. 30:17); SAVE (Ezek. 36:27, 29); LOVE (John 14:21); COME AGAIN (John 14:3); GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE (Rev. 2:10).

This is for everyone in the world, "For there is no respect of persons with God," Rom. 2:11. Jesus is the Saviour of the world. He was the one they were looking for through prophecy, and is the one we look for today to come back again through the Holy Scriptures, the WORD. He was prophesied of; He walked with them in flesh; and He is with us in the Spirit today.



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# My Trip to Jamaica by Faith

By EVANGELIST W. J. MEEKS, TULSA, OKLA.



Several months ago the Lord spoke to me, telling me that I should go to Jamaica. I wondered how I would be financed, and felt impressed to write Rev. H.D. Stoppe relative to the matter. Rev. Stoppe immediately wrote me that he would schedule my meetings ahead for the time I would be there. The same day I received

his letter, I also received \$111 on an airplane ticket.

Of course, this didn't solve all my problems, since I had my wife and children at home to feed, and the household expenses were to be met. As I began to tell others that I had my airplane ticket, one man took me to a cannery and bought me 13 cases of factory-canned goods. The Lord began to speak to individuals, and one said, "I'll take care of your water bill"; another, "I'll take care of your light bill"; and another, "I'll take care of your telephone bill." One group of ladies said, "We'll take care of your milk bill." To sum it all up, all needs were met.

Four months ago I left for Jamaica, leaving from Miami. On my way I preached one night in Havana, Cuba, where eight souls were converted. From Havana I flew to Canawba, Cuba, and from there on to Kingston, Jamaica.

During my two months' stay in Jamaica, I was privileged to see around 200 kneel in an altar earnestly seeking to be saved.

Many families in Jamaica, including some fine Christians, do not attend church as they do not have clothing good enough to appear in public.

I contemplate returning to Jamaica with my family, as soon as possible, to labor in the needy field there.

## EXCERPTS FROM BROTHER STOPPE'S PAPER

Brother Meeks has conducted meetings at Clifton, Peckham, Grantham, Glasgow, Franklin Town, and No. 1 Jordan Road. His meetings have been a blessing, and he has won a warm place in the hearts of all those to whom he has ministered. We regret much that he cannot stay longer. We wish him Godspeed and much success.

Brother Meeks, the missionary from the U. S. A., preached the last night of the convention and continued the services for the rest of the week. The spiritual tide rose higher and higher every day. Each night the church was packed to its capacity. Wonderful signs of healing have been following his ministry, and a goodly number of souls have been saved. We certainly enjoyed having him and regret that he had to leave us.

**Editor's Note:** So far as I know, Brother Meeks has not as yet united with the Church of God, but his association with our ministers in the gospel work, as well as his own commitment to me in my office, shows that he is considering uniting with us. He impressed me as being a very consecrated man of God. To better acquaint you with Brother Meeks, I am giving you his personal testimony as follows:

## FASTING AND PRAYING FOR THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Word says if we speak in an unknown tongue to pray that we might interpret. If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of the Lord.

Salvation is a gift, but do we have to pray for it?

Before I entered into full-time ministry, while attending a big healing campaign, I was impressed to fast and pray that the Lord would give me faith. This I did. I lost from two hundred and ten pounds to around one hundred and eighty pounds in a very short time.

I knew that to ask for patience was to ask for trials and tribulation; but to ask for faith, I thought that it would increase from day to day.

Did you ever feel that the Lord had forsaken you, and your prayers seemed to have fallen to the ground? and along with it all to have the devil tell you that you had committed an unpardonable sin? This is what happened to me.

In the days that followed I had the most hideous dreams and was really left to walk by faith. I received no blessings, no anointings, not for just a day or two, or a week, but for many days this condition existed. In the depth of it all I told the Lord there was nothing in the world for me. If I could not live a Christian life, I did not desire to live.

I was impressed to trust the Lord for deliverance by faith, without any anointing or blessing. This was what brought back the joy of my salvation.

Then I started praying for the sick, and the Lord began to heal people on every hand. Blind eyes were opened; deaf ears were unstopped; and several cases of cancer were healed.

The Lord spoke to me to go into full-time work for Him. A number of things flashed through my mind. My excuses were that I had no Bible School training, and that I had no place to preach; but back of it all was the fact that I didn't want to give up my job.

I had flown to Chicago, and on the return trip I stopped at St. Louis, Mo., to spend the night with a friend. In a vision I saw the stump of a tree. The Lord said to me, "That's you if you don't serve me." The next morning I went to Sunday School. The teacher said she wrestled all night with the thought that someone was selling his or her soul for a mess of pottage.

Time and time again she repeated this thought. She didn't know who it was for as it had no connection with the lesson, but I knew who it was for. During the worship service that day, I promised the Lord I would do anything He wanted me to do.

After quitting my job I had no place to preach, but I continued praying for the sick from house to house. The Lord healed many. I had no money in the bank, and no income. The result was that we ran out of groceries. This drove me to my knees in prayer. After spending several hours at the church in prayer, I went home. The doorbell rang, and a man at the door asked if that was Meeks' residence. Inquiringly, I said, "Yes." He said that someone had come into the store, bought some groceries, and had them sent to my address. I asked him who it was, but he said he did not know as he had left no name.

Two weeks passed and again we ran low on groceries. After spending most of the day in prayer, asking the Lord to supply my needs, the same car rolled up in front of the house with another carload of groceries.

What is really amazing about the whole thing is that every grocery item was exactly what we needed. In fact, if we had purchased the groceries ourselves, we would have bought the same things. My wife is fond of hamburgers, and there were two pounds of ground beef in the groceries. All the delicacies our family likes were included.

In the next two or three weeks the Lord laid it on the hearts of people whom I had prayed for, to give us canned goods.

One day my wife remarked that we didn't have any meat. I said to her, "Let us ask the Lord to send some in." In my first revival at Lindsay, Okla., a man, Sherm Hawkins, gave me half of a calf and half of a hog.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knewest not."—Jer. 33:3.

I do not feel that I have the gift of faith, but I do believe that fasting and prayer will intensify your faith.

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# ◆ The False Teachings of "Jehovah's Witnesses"

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## THE FATHER OF RUSSELLISM

In 1879, Charles Taze Russell published the first issue of the *Watchtower*, a magazine in which he advanced the amazing theory that the Lord Jesus Christ had returned to earth secretly five years before, and would fully establish His kingdom in the year 1914. His ideas were borrowed from William Miller, who, in 1844, proclaimed the imminent return of Christ, and led a company of misguided men and women into excesses that brought discredit upon his movement, which disintegrated when Miller's prophecy failed of fulfillment. Russell worked over the data employed by Miller, and developed a system of teaching that attracted a number of adherents, but made little real progress until three years after his death, when "Judge" Rutherford, a lawyer, further elaborated Russell's ideas, and publicized the slogan, "Millions now living will never die."

Under Rutherford's administration the Watchtower movement made rapid strides, and in 1931, at a conference held in Columbus, Ohio, officially adopted the title of "Jehovah's Witnesses." Mainly by use of the printing press, the teachings of the sect were propagated throughout the world—a fact that bears testimony to the initiative and enthusiasm of its followers. In fact, however strongly we may condemn the distortions of Scripture truth for which the Witnesses are responsible, we must acknowledge that they set an example to Bible-believing Christians by their zealous dissemination of their doctrines.

"Judge" Rutherford now has a successor in Mr. Nathan H. Knorr, who is less prominent in the movement than his predecessor, but under whose direction the output of literature continues. Recent publications bearing the Watchtower imprint are: "The Truth Shall Make You Free," "The Kingdom Is at Hand," and "Let God Be True." To a considerable extent these books duplicate one another, even as they perpetuate the contents of earlier volumes from the same source, with such titles as "The Harp of God," "Deliverance," "Reconciliation," "Life," and others.

## SCATTERING THE SEEDS OF ERROR

Readers of the more recent literature issued by Jehovah's Witnesses will notice at once a strong opposition to and denunciation of the Church of Rome. This is particularly noticeable in "Let God Be True," which was first printed in 1946, in an edition that is estimated to run to 5,500,000 copies. A superficial reading of the book might suggest that here is a strong Protestant counterblast to the arrogant claims of the Papacy, and many peo-

ple have been deceived in this way. Yet this is far from being the truth. Jehovah's Witnesses are anti-Roman, but they have no place in historic Protestantism; indeed, their venomous attacks are no less directed against the Protestant denominations than they are against the Roman Church.

By fantastic interpretations of the Word of God, as offensive as they are ridiculous, Jehovah's Witnesses seek to discredit men who as preachers and pastors are dedicated to the cause of the gospel. What but a perverted mind could find, for example, an allusion to "the clergy of Christendom" in our Lord's parable of Dives and Lazarus? Yet this is what we read in "Let God Be True" (p. 79); "The rich man represents the ultraselfish class of the clergy of 'Christendom,' who are now alienated from God and dead to His favor and tormented by the truth proclaimed."

As might be expected, this deep animosity toward historic Christianity is linked with exclusive claims for Jehovah's Witnesses themselves as the sole vehicle of divine truth to this present age. Here is their modest statement: "Although Jehovah God has had His witnesses on earth for about sixty centuries, only in modern times did they draw together for organized worldwide work. In 1872 (A.D.), in America, at Allegheny near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles Taze Russell began a Bible class.... Within a few years thereafter similar groups of students were organized throughout the United States. In due time such Bible-study classes were established in other countries. By following the course of study outlined by the headquarters in the United States those classes were unified and the students became of one mind, throughout the world, on what Almighty God through His Word teaches" ("Let God Be True," p.211).

Comment is unnecessary. Such enmity against the Church of Christ and its ministers, such spiritual pride and exclusiveness, such misrepresentation and false assumption stand self-condemned. Jehovah's Witnesses are foes of the faith. Their self-proclaimed task is to undermine the authority and testimony of the churches. Let those who love the Lord and His truth stand their guard!

## THEIR REJECTION OF THE TRINITY

The whole fabric of Christian belief rests upon our conception of the person of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Therefore it is inevitable that, in their refusal to acknowledge Christ as "the Lord of glory," the Witnesses should discard the doctrine of the Trinity, of which they declare Satan to be the originator ("Let God Be True," p.82). The blasphemous crudity of language used to show their contempt for this doctrine is distressing to Christian minds. "One of the most mysterious things," they declare, "is

the question of who ran the universe during the three days that Jesus was dead and in the grave; or, for that matter, during his thirty-three and one-half years while made 'a little lower than the angels.' If Jesus was God, then during Jesus' death God was dead and in the grave. What a wonderful opportunity for Satan to take complete control!" ("Let God Be True," p. 91.)

Again and again our blessed Lord is referred to as "a mere man," or "no more than a perfect man" ("The Kingdom Is at Hand," p. 49); or "a perfect man (who) stood in a position similar to that once occupied by the perfect man Adam" ("Let God Be True," p. 101). On page 86 of the last-mentioned volume, "the claim that God almighty was manifested in the flesh" is attributed to "the clergy," and is forthwith repudiated, on the ground that scholars are not agreed upon the correct translation of 1 Timothy 3:16—"He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels...." (R.V.). The contention is true, but the conclusion is false. Yet having decided that Jesus is not God, the Witnesses have no course but to deny or explain away the numerous passages of Scripture which maintain the opposite. Let them say what they will, our faith shall rest upon such unshaken and unshakeable statements as "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

What, then, do Jehovah's Witnesses teach concerning Jesus Christ? That in His "prehuman past" He was "a spirit person," "a mighty one... but not the Almighty God." That He was born "a mere man," but at His baptism "God begot Jesus to be his spiritual Son once more instead of a human Son." Quoting at length from "Let God Be True," p. 41: "By having his perfect, sinless life transferred from heaven to a Jewish virgin, Jesus was born as a perfect human, and grew up to be a perfect man, absolutely sinless, holy, harmless, undefiled. Hence, when he presented himself in full dedication to God's will, Jehovah God accepted him for sacrifice as humankind's Redeemer. Because Jesus was thereby bound to lay aside his humanity for ever as a sacrifice, God begot him by his spirit to become again a spirit Son of God."

It is surely impossible to imagine a graver distortion of the truth concerning Him who at His birth was announced as "Emmanuel... God with us" (Matt. 1:23), and whom the Apostle Paul acclaimed "as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever" (Rom. 9:5).

We cannot hope to expose all the unscriptural ideas that find expression in Watchtower publications, but in this final inquiry will confine ourselves to their distortion of that message which Paul calls "the glorious gospel of the blessed God," concerning which he also says in writing to the Galatians: "There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel

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# THEY SAY

## YOUR PASTOR AND MINE

If he is young, he lacks experience; if his hair is grey, he is too old; if he has 5 or 6 children, he has too many; if he has none, he is not setting a good example.

If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work and is probably backslidden. If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is a bore; if extemporaneously, he is not deep enough.

If he spends too much time in study, he does not mix well with the people when at home preparing a good sermon.

If he is attentive to the poor, he is playing the grandstands; if to the wealthy, he is trying to be aristocratic.

If he suggests changes for improvement of the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions, he is a figurehead.

If he makes use of illustrations, he does not give enough Bible; if not, his teaching is not clearly understood.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he condones wrong, he is a sinful compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he is tiresome; if only 20 minutes, he is lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he is insulting and meddling; if he does not preach it, he is a hypocrite.

If he fails to please somebody, he is hurting the church; if he tries to please everybody, he is a fool.

If he asks for your tithes and offerings, he is "always talking about money"; if he doesn't, he is not cooperating with the board.

If his salary is small and he works to make a living, he is not devoting enough time to the ministry.

If he visits the members when they don't come to church, he is "nursing church babies"; if he doesn't, he's not doing his duty.

If he preaches all the time himself, the church gets tired of him; if he invites guest preachers, he is shirking his duty.

So what? They say the preacher has an easy time of it! Uh huh!

—From the Evidence.

## JESUS CRUCIFIED

Mark 15:21-27

1. The Submission to the Cross.
2. The Spite Against the Cross.
3. The Sacrifice on the Cross.
4. The Salvation Through the Cross.

—H. C. Moore.

## JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 4:15-5:9

1. Sympathetic High Priest (4:15).
2. Sinless High Priest (4:15).
3. Selected High Priest (5:5, 6).
4. Suffering High Priest (5:7, 8).
5. Submissive High Priest (5:8).
6. Source of Eternal Salvation (5:9).

—W. D. Martin.

## AT JESUS' FEET

1. The Place of Deliverance and Peace (Luke 8:35).
2. The Place of Fear and Encouragement (Rev. 1:17; Luke 5:8).
3. The Place of Teaching (Luke 10:39).
4. The Place of Healing (Matt. 15:30).
5. The Place of Sympathy (John 11:32).
6. The Place of Intercession (Luke 8:41; cf. Mark 7:25).
7. The Place of Contrition and Pardon (Luke 7:37).
8. The Place of Worship and Thanksgiving (Luke 17:16; Matt. 28:9).

—Bertram Price.

## 24 MILLIONTH PERSON VISITS CAPITAL OBELISK

WASHINGTON—The Washington Monument had its 24,000,000th visitor May 30. She was Beverly Brown, 18, of Briton, Mich.

The 555-foot marble shaft was opened to the public October 9, 1888.

Officials estimate that about 4,000,000 of the 24,000,000 visitors since then have climbed the 898 steps to the observation platform, 500 feet up. The rest rode the elevator.

Miss Brown showed up about 2:30 p. m. EST with other members of her high-school class.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF A DIVINE-CHOSEN AND PREPARED SPIRITUAL LEADER

1. He must be a humble servant (Num. 12:3).
2. He must be a man to whom God has spoken (Josh. 1:1).
3. He must be a man of action (Josh. 7:10).
4. He must have confidence in God (Psa. 118:8).
5. He must be a man of vision (Prov. 29:18).
6. He must know that the Lord is with him (Gen. 39:2).
7. He must be strong and very courageous (Acts 4:13).
8. He must be morally disciplined (Josh. 1:7b).
9. He must be a man of balance (Josh. 1:7c).
10. He must know the Word of God (Psa. 1:1).

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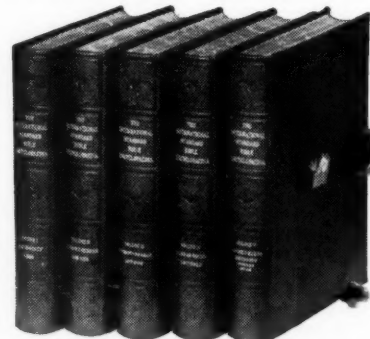
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If his wife sings in the choir, she is being forward; if she does not, she is not interested in her husband's work and is probably backslidden. If he speaks from notes, he has canned sermons and is a bore; if extemporaneously, he is not deep enough.

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If he suggests changes for improvement of the church, he is a dictator; if he makes no suggestions, he is a figurehead.

If he makes use of illustrations, he does not give enough Bible; if not, his teaching is not clearly understood.

If he condemns wrong, he is cranky; if he condones wrong, he is a sinful compromiser.

If he preaches an hour, he is tiresome; if only 20 minutes, he is lazy.

If he preaches the truth, he is insulting and meddling; if he does not preach it, he is a hypocrite.

If he fails to please somebody, he is hurting the church; if he tries to please everybody, he is a fool.

If he asks for your tithes and offerings, he is "always talking about money"; if he doesn't, he is not cooperating with the board.

If his salary is small and he works to make a living, he is not devoting enough time to the ministry.

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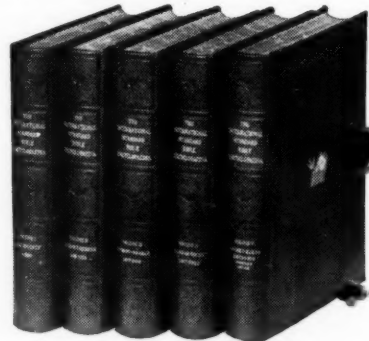
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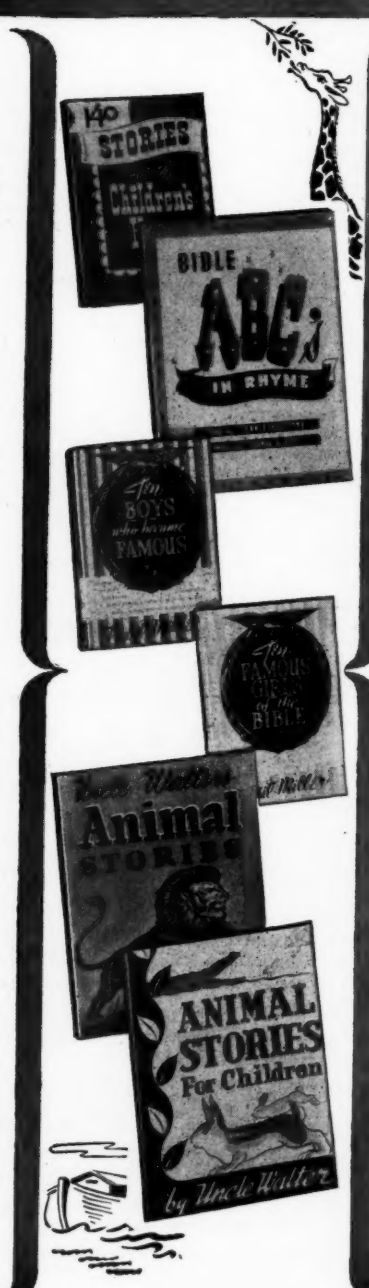
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